



Crop Progress and Condition

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Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 4.4. Field activities for the week were limited due to the weather conditions, but included planting barley and wheat, and harvesting cotton, peanuts, and soybeans. Farmers are also soil sampling and making plans for next year. Weather conditions were damp and warmer with scattered precipitation; average temperatures went up this week, but precipitation amounts were down. High temperatures were in the upper 70s to 80s, and lows were in the upper 30s to mid-50s.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 11/08/15

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	-	11	82	7
Subsoil	-	10	85	5

- Represents zero.

CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 11/08/15

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Barley	-	-	18	70	12
Hay, Alfalfa	-	6	34	56	4
Hay, Other	1	12	37	47	3
Soybeans	4	16	33	43	4
Winter wheat	-	1	15	78	6
Pasture	2	16	31	44	7
Livestock	1	5	22	58	14

-Represents zero.

CROP PROGRESS for week ending 11/08/15

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Barley planted	89	75	92	95
Corn for grain harvested	95	93	91	96
Cotton harvested	65	51	58	68
Peanuts harvested	88	75	93	90

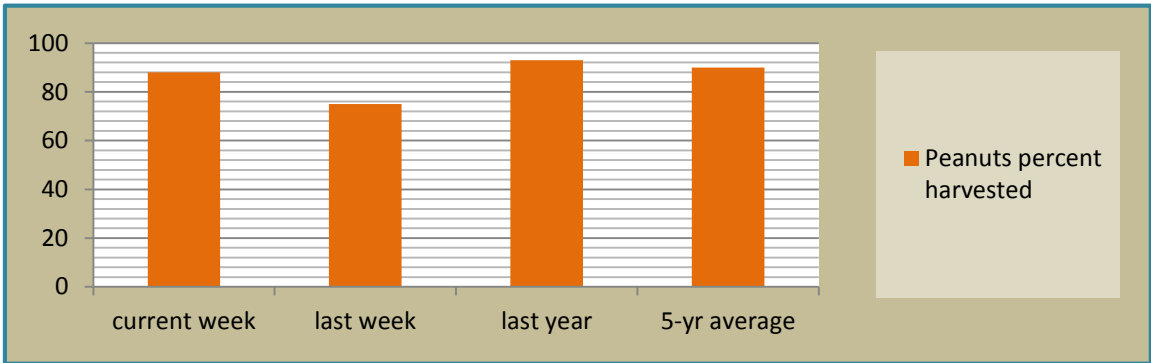
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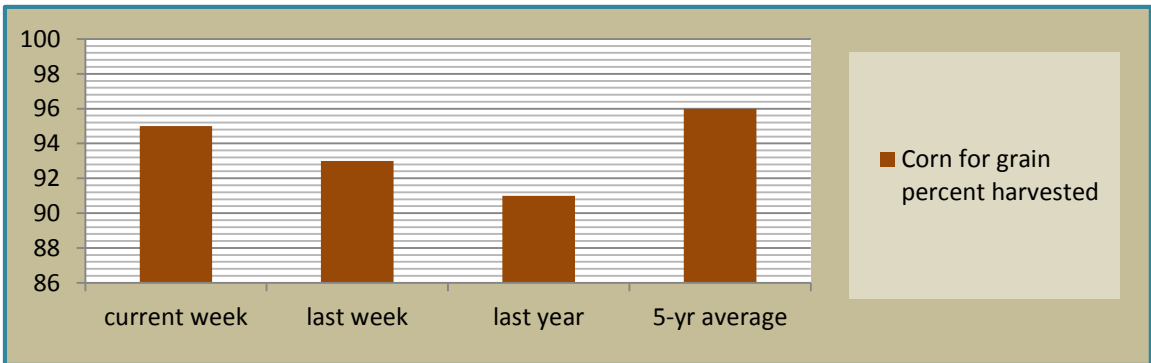
Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Soybeans dropping leaves	97	93	98	99
Soybeans harvested	55	47	54	53
Winter wheat planted	63	52	55	65

- Represents data not available.

PEANUTS HARVESTED for week ending 11/08/15



CORN FOR GRAIN HARVESTED for week ending 11/08/15



Weather Summary- For the week ending November 08, 2015

City	Temperature						Growing degree days (modified base 50)		Precipitation				
	Avg. max.	Avg. min.	High max.	Low min.	Avg.	Avg. dep. from normal *	Mar. 1 to Nov. 7	Mar. 1 to Nov. 7 norm	Last Week	Since Sept. 1	Sept. 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1 to date	Jan. 1 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	69	52	77	49	61	10	4116	3883	0.23	11.43	3.44	36.17	-1.50
Norfolk	71	59	81	55	65	9	4982	4373	1.81	10.34	2.07	43.46	2.85
Richmond	70	55	78	49	63	10	4775	4232	0.66	7.33	-0.99	40.03	1.54
Roanoke	71	55	82	48	63	12	4340	NA	0.11	14.68	7.00	46.09	8.93
Wash/Dulles	72	48	80	36	60	11	4164	NA	0.34	6.62	-1.35	33.91	-2.16

* Normal based on 1971-2000 data. NA-Not available. Source: NCEP/NOAA Climate Prediction Center <http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov>. Source: USDA, NASS, Virginia Field Office.

REPORTER COMMENTS BY COUNTY – Comments are based on remarks made by extension agents, farmers, commodity specialists, and other knowledgeable individuals.

NORTHERN

ROCKINGHAM (Doug Horn)

Friday, Nov. 6th, set a new record high temperature for the date (79 degrees).

WESTERN

ROCKBRIDGE (Thomas A Stanley)

A mild week with exceptionally warm temperatures Wednesday through Friday, with light showers on Saturday, bringing cooler and more seasonal temperatures to finish out the week. Most farmers are current on their field work with some still waiting for corn to dry down completely.

CENTRAL

AMELIA (Laura Siegle)

Conditions were warm and somewhat wet this week. Some producers spent this week drilling small grains in remaining fields. Pasture growth has seemed somewhat sluggish in past weeks, but recent temperatures and moisture seemed to help some fields visibly improve this week.

CAROLINE (Mike Broaddus)

This past week has been very damp so no soybeans have been harvested or wheat planted. It is expected that the soil will dry quickly, as not much measurable rain has fallen.

CHESTERFIELD (Charlotte Maxwell)

We had an abnormally warm week in the 70s with a couple of showers.

HENRICO (Karen Carter)

One full day of steady rain this week. Cooler temperatures in the 50's.

EASTERN

ESSEX (Keith Balderson)

Another week when weather conditions allowed limited soybean harvest. Damp and warm conditions allowed cover crops and small grains to continue making good fall growth. Finishing up wheat planting, soil sampling and meeting with agribusiness representatives to discuss 2016 crop plans were the primary activities for the week.

GLOUCESTER (David Moore)

Wet conditions have halted all field work. Folks are making some seed purchases for next year, and are also soil sampling and lime spreading. Soybean harvest and wheat planting is behind. Soybean quality is poor in some instances. Yields are average to slightly below.

SOUTHERN

FRANKLIN (Cynthia Martel)

Rain off and on in Franklin County has been keeping producers out of the fields trying to get the last crops harvested, but the rain has helped winter crops.

SOUTHEASTERN

BRUNSWICK (Cynthia Gregg)

Rain has kept some producers out of their fields this week. Several producers are trying to finish tobacco and get into soybean harvest. Some producers are feeding hay as well.

CHESAPEAKE CITY (Watson Lawrence Jr.)

Showers brought 1/2 to 1 inch of rain this week, bringing field activity to a halt. Temperatures are very mild.

PRINCE GEORGE (Scott Reiter)

Limited field work was accomplished this week due to several rain showers. Soybeans remain high in moisture with very limited opportunities to harvest. Some soils are sticky and residue is tough, preventing wheat planting where crops have been harvested.

SUSSEX (Kevin Wells)

Soybean and cotton harvest continues as growers are close to being finished. Cotton yields are above average, and soybean yields and quality are poor with early maturing varieties.